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TO: Iowa Medicaid Hospice Providers

FROM: Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS), Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: Billing for Hospice Direct Physician Care

EFFECTIVE: July 1, 2015

This informational letter defines direct physician care and procedures for billing medical or clinical services provided by a hospice employed or contracted physician or a nurse practitioner (NP).

This change is retroactive for dates of service on or after July 1, 2012. Claim lines containing Revenue Code 657 that previously denied, will be reprocessed by the IME as a result of this change.

Hospice Physician or Hospice Nurse Practitioner Direct Care:

Hospice direct physician care to a hospice member can be provided by a hospice employed physician or NP or a hospice-contracted physician or NP.

Hospice direct physician care does not include general supervisory services of the hospice medical director, the participation of a hospice physician in the hospice interdisciplinary team responsibilities, or hospice physician services provided voluntarily. This standard also applies to a NP.

Claim Submission:

Reimbursement by the IME, for a hospice-employed or contracted physician or NP will be in accordance with the [Medicaid Physicians Fee Schedule](#)¹.

When billing on the UB-04 claim form for physician's services, use provider type 45, the 657 revenue code and the appropriate Common Procedural Terminology (CPT) or Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code that describes the service rendered. Services rendered by a NP must have modifier "GV" appended to the CPT or HCPCS code.

For further billing instructions please refer to the [UB-04 Claim Form Instructions](#)² and the [Hospice Provider Manual](#)³.

If you have any questions, please contact the IME Provider Services Unit at 1-800-338-7909, or by email at imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us.

¹ <http://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/providers/csrp/fee-schedule>

² https://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/UB-04_ClaimFormInstructions.pdf

³ <http://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/Hospice.pdf>